

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (a) as being anticipated by Maes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,016,476, hereinafter "Maes"). The Examiner further rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Maes.

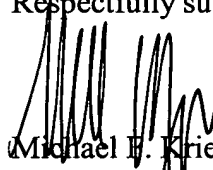
Applicants express appreciation for the opportunity to have participated in an Examiner's Interview and respectfully provide the amendments contained herein, which reflect changes suggested by the Examiner to broaden the claims and to more particularly point out the advantages of the present inventions over the cited prior art.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments do not add new matter and that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request favorable reconsideration. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. An apparatus for [completing] use by a purchaser in performing wireless point-of-sale purchase transactions comprising:

a microprocessor;

a short range communications device electrically coupled to the microprocessor for automatically receiving sales information from and forwarding authorization information to a point-of-sale wireless vendor device for communicating with a point-of-sale wireless vendor device;

[a microprocessor; and]

a long range communications device [for communicating with] electrically coupled to the microprocessor for initiating a request to an authorization processor and receiving a response from the authorization processor for authorization of a purchase; and
an input device electrically coupled to the microprocessor.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a display electrically coupled to the microprocessor.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a bio-metric input device electrically coupled to the microprocessor.

4. (cancel)

5. A system for use in a [completing] wireless purchasing environment, wherein an electronic receipt is generated by a purchaser device at a point-of-sale, [purchase transactions] the system comprising:

an authorization processor; [a wireless purchase device comprising

a long range communications device for communicating with an
authorization processor,

a short range communications device for communicating with a point-of-sale
wireless vendor device,]

a vendor device for short range transmission of information regarding inventory and
pricing; and

[a microprocessor, and]

a [point-of-sale wireless vendor] purchaser device for requesting information from
the vendor device, for transmitting a request for authorization to the
authorization processor, and for receiving authorization from the
authorization processor [comprising a short range communications device,
and
a vendor computing device].

6. (cancel)

7. The system of claim 5, wherein the purchaser device is a [further comprising a display
for said] wireless purchaser device.

8. The system of claim 5, wherein the purchaser device further [comprising] comprises a bio-metric input device for user identification.

9. [A] In a system that includes a purchaser device and an authorization processor, a method for [completing] performing wireless point-of-sale purchase transactions, the method comprising the [acts of] steps for:

[communicating between a WPD and a WVD to identify a vendor and establish a purchase price] automatically receiving from a wireless vendor device an offer for purchase;

[requesting purchase] initiating a request at the purchaser device for authorization [from an authorization provider] of a purchase;

transmitting [a transaction denial to said WPD if said purchase is not authorized by said] the request to an authorization [provider thereby terminating said request] processor;

[transmitting a transaction approval to said WPD and transmitting a request to transfer funds to a financial institution if said purchase is] receiving a response at the purchaser device from the authorization processor, wherein the response includes a denial if the purchase is not authorized by [said] the authorization [provider;] processor, and wherein the response includes an approval if the purchase is authorized by the authorization processor; and

transmitting [a transaction finalization command to said WVD to request transaction release] the approval from the purchaser device to the vendor device.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising at least one of the [act of identifying a user with] steps for:

(i) using a bio-metric input device to identify a user; and

(ii) using a password to identify the user.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein [said communicating between a WPD and a WVD is effectuated] the step for transmitting the approval includes the step for using a short range wireless transceiver[s].

12. The method of claim 9, wherein [said requesting purchase authorization is effectuated] the step for transmitting the request includes the step for using a long range, wireless communications device.

13. [A] In a system that includes a purchaser device, an authorization processor, and a vendor device, a method for [completing] performing a wireless point-of-sale purchase transaction[s], the method comprising the steps for:

automatically establishing a wireless [network] communication between [a WPD and a WVD] the vendor device and the purchaser device;

communicating a vendor identification and a purchase price [to said WPD over said] for one or more items to the purchaser device via the wireless [network] connection;

[requesting purchase] initiating a request at the purchaser device for authorization from [an] the authorization [provider] processor to purchase the items;

[transmitting] receiving a [transaction] denial [to said WPD] at the purchaser device if said purchase is not authorized by [said] the authorization [provider thereby terminating said request;] processor; and

[transmitting a transaction] receiving an approval [to said WPD and transmitting a request to transfer funds to a financial institution] at the purchaser device from the

authorization processor if [said] the purchase is authorized by [said] the authorization [provider; and] processor, and forwarding the approval from the purchaser device to the vendor device for purchase.

[transmitting a transaction finalization command to said WVD to request transaction release.]

14. The method of claim 13, wherein [said requesting purchase authorization is effectuated] the step for initiating a request and the steps for receiving each utilize [using] a long range communications device.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein [said] the long range communications device is a wireless device.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein said long range communications device is integral to [said WPD] the purchaser device.

17. The method of claim 14, wherein [said] the long range communications device is external to [said WPD, but operated by a WPD user] the purchaser device and selectively operated by a user of the purchaser device.

18. The method of claim [13] 14, wherein [said requesting purchase authorization is effectuated using] the long range communications device includes a wireless phone.

19. (cancel)

20. (cancel)

Please add the following new claims:

21. The method of claim 13, wherein the step for initiating a request comprises the step for combining the vendor identification and the purchase price with information corresponding to a purchaser account to create the request.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the step for receiving an approval further comprises the step for initiating a transfer of funds from the purchaser account to a vendor account for payment of the purchase.

23. The method of claim 13, wherein the step for automatically establishing a wireless connection occurs when the vendor device enters a communication range with the purchaser device.

24. The method of claim 13, further comprising the step for identifying user identity by providing at least one of:

- (i) a password; and
- (ii) a biometric input.